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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the final Office Action dated April 23, 2003, be extended for a period of three month(s) from July 23, 2003, to and including October 23, 2003.

The required fee for this extension is estimated to be \$475.00. The Commissioner is authorized to charge all required fees, fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and all required extension of time fees throughout the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted.

Date:

October 23, 2003

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